

## NOTES AND NEWS

Beginning with volume 46, the Condor has been printed on a somewhat glossy type of paper. Necessity for change to this stock resulted from unavailability of dull finish papers which we had used before. The new stock is nearly as heavy as that previously employed and should last as well as anything that can be obtained during the war period. Change to a cover of lighter yellow color in the March issue similarly was required by war-time limitations on the paper industry. Perhaps better than its avian counterpart, the Condor Magazine is a species able to adapt to a changing environment.—A.H.M.

We learn with deep regret of the death of Charles E. Hellmayr in Switzerland. He was Associate Curator of Birds in the Chicago Natural History Museum [Field Museum] (for portrait, see Condor, 44, 1942:234) and was known especially for his "Catalogue of Birds of the Americas."

At the Business Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club held in Los Angeles on April 6, 1944, approval was voted of transfer of the Club's library to the University of California at Los Angeles. Terms of the gift provide that Club members shall always have access to the library and further that the University will provide storage facilities for the back numbers of the Condor and other publications issued and still owned by the Club. This arrangement thus fortunately establishes a headquarters for this phase of the Club's interest in southern California.—A.H.M.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS  
NORTHERN DIVISION

JANUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, January 27, 1944, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, with Vice-president L. W. Taylor in the chair and 25 members and guests present. Names proposed for membership in the Club were: C. Faye Bennett (Mrs. Louis Jr.), 1736 S. College, Tulsa, Oklahoma, by Alden H. Miller; Mr. Don Bleitz, 5338 Hollywood Boulevard, Zone 27, Hollywood, California, and Mr. Donald Moore, 26 Prospect Drive, Redlands, California, both by Harold M. Hill. The report of the nominating committee was read by Alden H. Miller, for the chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Dean Sheldon. The committee proposed renomination of the present officers to serve for another year. There were no other nominations from the floor and it was moved and carried that the nominations be closed and the secretary instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. The officers for the

coming year remain: president, Robert C. Miller; vice-president, L. W. Taylor; corresponding secretary, Hilda W. Grinnell; recording secretary, Frances Carter.

Mr. C. A. Harwell reported briefly on a recent meeting of the State Division of Fish and Game. Such matters had been discussed as the depredations by ducks in the Imperial Valley and subsequent depredations by night hunters seeking the ducks after open season had been declared on Baldpate and Pintail.

As speaker of the evening, Mr. Malcolm T. Jollie told of "Experiences with Golden Eagles in Colorado." The climax of the evening's program was the presentation of "Smoky," the Golden Eagle which has become so well known on this campus. Although by no means the first eagle raised by Mr. Jollie, Smoky has the distinction of having been hatched in incubator and raised from the egg.

Adjourned.—FRANCES CARTER, *Recording Secretary*.

FEBRUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, February 24, 1944, at 8:00 p.m. in Room 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, with President R. C. Miller in the chair and 46 members and guests present. Names proposed for membership in the Club were: Ruth B. Elwonger, 2121 Rose St., Berkeley 7, California, by Hilda W. Grinnell; Mrs. Harold F. Osborn (Florence C.), 4851 Harbord Drive, Oakland 11, California, and Mr. William A. Dill, California Division of Fish and Game, Fresno State College, Fresno 4, California, both by Alden H. Miller.

Mrs. Kelly reported a flock of 100 Avocets in Alameda on February 20 and a flock of Semipalmated Plover which has been present in Alameda all winter. Mr. Dixon reported a European Widgeon at Lake Merritt during the recent duck census.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Joseph S. Hunter of the California Fish and Game Commission, who discussed the "Duck and Rice Problem in the Sacramento Valley." Mr. Hunter opened his discussion with a brief survey of duck protection in California since 1852, when the first law protecting ducks was passed. Since 1917 the sale of ducks has been prohibited in California. Mr. Hunter believes that though many ducks feed on rice, it is not a good food for them. The principal damage to the rice is done by Pintails whereas the Baldpate is the species largely responsible for damage to alfalfa and lettuce.

Adjourned.—VINCENT MOWBRAY, *Acting Secretary*.

MARCH.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, March 30, 1944, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, with President R. C. Miller in the chair and 93 members and guests present. Minutes of the Northern Division for February were read and approved. The President announced the resignation of Miss Frances Carter as Recording Secretary of the Northern Division of the Club. It was moved that a statement of regret be written in the minutes; Miss Carter had served for seven years in this capacity. R. C. Miller reviewed J. J. Hickey's "A Guide to Bird Watching." Alden H. Miller reported a Saw-whet Owl in the hills south of Hayward on March 25. Mr. Purcell reported a Slate-colored Junco in Tilden Park on February 11. Mrs. Mikesell reported up to 2000 robins roosting in bay and eucalyptus trees in north Berkeley.

Mr. Andrew Shirra Gibb presented his colored motion pictures of western birds. These showed rare species, such as the hooded merganser, and local types of particular interest such as the Black Oyster-catcher and the Pigeon Guillemot. The photographs were noteworthy both for their artistic merit and the activities of the birds which they portrayed.

Adjourned.—ROBERT W. STORER, *Acting Secretary*.

#### SOUTHERN DIVISION

JANUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held in Room 145, Allan Hancock Foundation, on Tuesday, January 25, at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Nokes presided, and about 65 members and guests were present. In the absence of the Secretary, Dr. Howard was asked to serve. The following applications for membership were read by Dr. Nokes: Henry C. Kyllingstod, Mountain Valley, Alaska, proposed by Harold Michener; Frank F. Palmer, 1158 Columbia Ave., Ontario, California, proposed by Fletcher G. Palmer; Robert Lincoln Taylor, Box 109, Route 1, Pasadena, California, proposed by W. Lee Chambers; Mrs. W. M. King, 45 West Haven St., Arcadia, California, proposed by Robert B. McLain.

Dr. Nokes called upon Dr. Loye Miller, chairman of the nominating committee, to present the nominations for officers for the Southern Division for 1944. Dr. Miller named Adrian van Rossem for president, Ed N. Harrison for vice-president, and Walter W. Bennett for secretary. Mr. Willett moved that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the persons named. It was so ordered.

Mr. Kent stated that he had seen one or two Short-billed Gulls and a Glaucous Gull at Westlake Park. Mr. Cogswell reported having again seen the male Duck Hawk of the pair which he previously recorded at the Pasadena City Hall. Mr. Willett asked for information regarding a report of the killing of ducks in Imperial Valley in closed season. Several others present stated that this had been allowed because the ducks were damaging crops.

Mr. Ed N. Harrison, the speaker of the evening, presented three moving pictures taken by himself and Mrs. Roberts. The first two, which were of the Harrison-Roberts Educational Film series, concerned shorebirds, oceanic birds, and sea elephants and sea lions. The third was a new film of the California Condor, showing many exceptionally fine shots of the soaring flight of the bird and of its manner of moving its tail and portions of the wing in soaring. This last film was shown twice, at the request of the group.

Mr. Harrison's films were followed by a short film taken by Mr. Roger Revelle of Scripps Institute of Oceanography showing the albatross in flight off the southern California coast. The pictures were presented by Dr. Loye Miller.

Adjourned.—HILDEGARDE HOWARD, *Acting Secretary*.

FEBRUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Tuesday, February 29, 1944, at 8:00 p.m. in Room 145, Allan Hancock Foundation, University Avenue at 36th Place, Los Angeles, with vice-president Ed N. Harrison in the chair. Applications for membership were read as follows: Russell Taplin Norris, Box 847, Preston Laboratories, Butler, Pennsylvania, proposed by W. Lee Chambers; and Dr. Ralph M. Crumrine, 837 So. Hobart, Los Angeles, proposed by Dr. Loye Miller.

The health of the president, Adrian van Rossem, was reported as much improved and he has returned to his home from the hospital. Mr. Walter I. Allen reported that a Painted Redstart is still in the neighborhood of his home in Altadena. It apparently comes in September and leaves the following March. Many local ornithologists have studied it in the course of the present season.

The excellent technique and artistry that has for thirty years placed Mr. William L. Finley in the top rank of American wildlife photographers was again shown the Club in a new series of pictures recently taken by him. Introduced under the subject "Some Stories of Western Bird Life," the Kodachrome slides were some of the most beautiful portrayals of wildlife subjects that have been shown before the Club.

Adjourned.—WALTER W. BENNETT, *Secretary*.